

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all previous versions and listings of claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of operating a gas turbine engine which is operable at both at idle and at cruise speeds and which powers an aircraft, said engine having a lubrication sump which contains at least one rotating bearing and which vents air through a vent which produces an exit pressure at the exit of the vent, the method comprising:

- a) running the engine at idle;
- b) maintaining an eductor in fluid communication with said vent, which eductor:
 - i) reduces pressure in said vent when actuated, and
 - ii) includes a flow restrictor downstream of said vent; and
- c) actuating said eductor during idle operation, so as to reduce said exit pressure.

2. (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 1, wherein the actuating of paragraph (c) comprises ducting a compressor discharge bleed to a nozzle of the eductor.

3. (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 1, and further comprising:
d) terminating the reduction of exit pressure when flow through the vent exceeds a floor.

4 . (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 1, and further comprising:
d) raising speed of the engine; and
e) terminating the reduction of exit pressure.

5-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 1 , and further comprising:
d) maintaining the eductor in a de-actuated state at cruise speed.

22. (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 1, wherein the flow restrictor is within the a mixing throat of the eductor.

23. (Canceled).

24. (Currently Amended): Method according to claim 1 ~~23~~, and further comprising:
e) d) operating the engine at a cruise speed and during cruise operation, using the flow restrictor to reduce flow through the vent below that which would occur in the absence of the flow restrictor.

25. (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 1, and further comprising:
d) using the eductor to maintain fluid flow through the vent above a predetermined minimum, said fluid flow being accompanied by said reducing of pressure.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 4, and further comprising:
f) at cruise speeds, restricting flow through said vent.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Canceled).

33. (Canceled).